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BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas

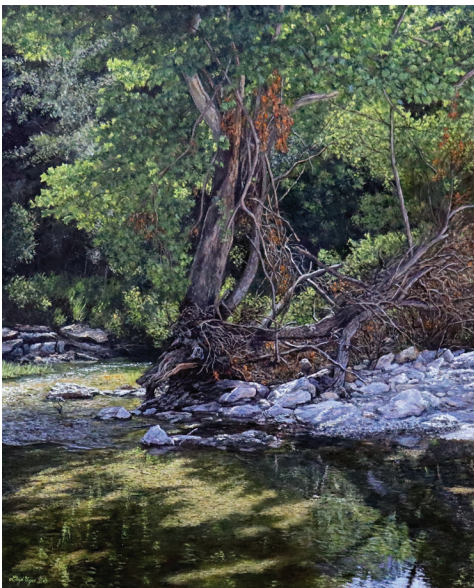
40th BOSQUE ART CLASSIC

The 40th Annual Bosque Art Classic opens its doors Saturday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. with the sale, dinner, and awards ceremony. After dinner the Art Council will recognize the winning artists, handing out the \$15,500 in awards, including the \$5,000 John Steven Jones Award.

The show consists of 229 works of art, juried by Cowboy Artists of America member Bruce Greene. Among the 130 artists in the show are past award winners Eileen Nistler, Richie Vios, Kathy LeJeune, Kathy Tate, and Ronnie Zint. Others returning to the show include Calvin Carter, Trish Stevenson, Marie Gray, and Wesley Dallas Merritt. Area artists accepted include George Boutwell, Lloyd Voges, Steven Umbach, Judy Par-ton, and Jan Beavers. This year the Classic welcomes newcomers JD Cole, Elaine Haake, and Aaron Lade.

Reservations are needed by September 5th for the opening ceremony on the 13th. Tickets are \$75 and available online or by calling the BAC. The free exhibition will be open to the public September 14-27, with the online sale running September 15-27.

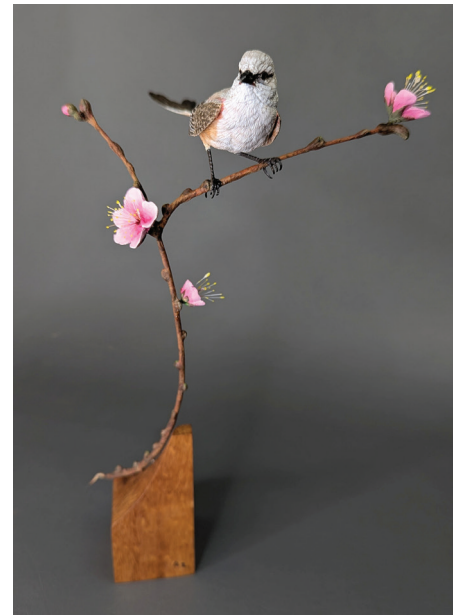
BAC Art Patron members enjoy the private reception on Friday, along with pre-sale opportunities on Saturday. It's not too late to join—call or go online today.~DE



Sunlit Morning
by Lloyd Voges



Purple Pansies
by Sandy Whitman

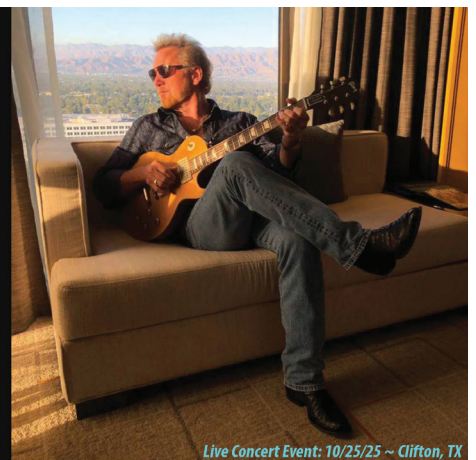


Scissor-Tailed Bird on Peach Tree
by Ronnie Zint

Bosque Arts Center
Texas Troubadour
Songwriter Classic

Lee Roy Parnell
Judging & Performing

\$3,000 in Cash Prizes
Entry Deadline: September 3, 2025
\$15/song entry



Live Concert Event: 10/25/25 ~ Clifton, TX

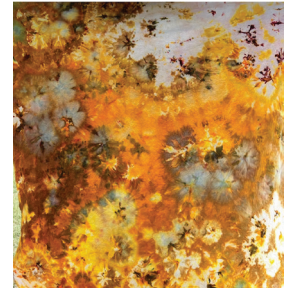
ART CLUB

Melanie Stokes gave an excellent painting presentation called “Loosen Up!” at the August Art Club. She demonstrated the techniques she uses to create her beautiful impressionist style. The Art Club members enjoyed creating their own floral still life paintings.

Tia Oliver will present at our September 2nd meeting. She dyes natural fibers and will be teaching the basics of giving fabric new life with exciting techniques.

The Art Club will host the Wild About Flowers Art Show & Sale in the Spring of 2026. Spread the word and start painting those beautiful flowers!

Art Club members Judi Parton, Jan Beavers, and Steven Umbach had work accepted in the Bosque Classic. Congratulations!!! ~JB

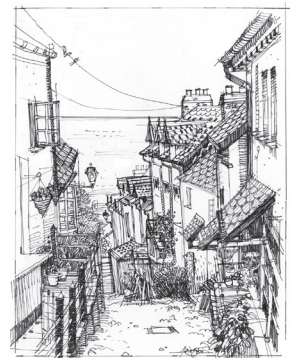


10/18/2025 - 10/19/2025 Plein Air Workshop Steve Atkinso on location in the beautiful Bosque County

Join Prescott, Arizona artist Steve Atkinson for his two-day outdoor sketching workshop as he blends two of the best things in life - drawing and being in nature. If you're a representational artist, aspire to be, or simply want to reconnect with your love of creating, then this gathering of like-minded people is for you. Steve is a Western Fine artist and recipient of many awards, including the Bosque Art Classic John Steven Jones Purchase Award. The class will include Steve's sharing his fun sketchbook tips and techniques for drawing everyday objects that are all around you. He says there is no better way to improve your art skills than sketching on location.

This class is for artists of all skill levels, so no need to stress about being good enough to sign up. Creating in your sketchbook is a joy that you will soon look forward to adding to every day with the simplest of tools (I mean, just a sketchbook and a pencil or pen) with our unique vision and style. ~JAB

**Workshop Fee \$300.00 • Class size limited, make reservation soon
254-675-3724 • www.bosqueartscenter.org • Class Tools will be listed on Website**



QUILT GUILD

Hello, Quilters and Aspiring Quilt Artists!

Join Us for a Fun-Filled Clifton BAC Quilt Guild meeting on Saturday, September 13 in the downstairs Spieler Art room! Join us at 11:30 AM for some delightful mingling, followed by our meeting kicking off at noon. **BINGO Bonanza!** Bring your lucky charm for a lively game of Quilt Guild BINGO! Expect laughter, prizes, and some friendly competition. **Charity Sewing Projects for Nursing Home Residents**

We'll be planning heartwarming sewing projects to brighten the days of local nursing home residents. From cozy lap quilts to soft fidget blankets, let's brainstorm ideas to share warmth and comfort with our community. Bring your favorite patterns or fabric scraps to contribute! **Show & tell! Share your works-in-progress or finished masterpieces for inspiration and applause. Why You Shouldn't Miss It** This meeting is the perfect blend of fun, creativity, and giving back. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just starting out, you'll leave inspired and connected. Let's make a difference together while having a blast!~CU

Judy Beskow with most original quilt sponsored by the Roland and Joyce Jones



WRITER'S GUILD

The Bosque Arts Center Writers' Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. This month the meeting falls on September 9. Enter through the back door. Everyone is welcome.~CI



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FOR INFORMATION
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BOOKS ON THE BOSQUE

4TH ANNUAL WRITING CONTEST

Deadline for entering this year's Books on the Bosque writing contest is September 22. Once again the contest includes \$3,800 in cash prizes, including the \$1,000 Jones Best of the West Award. Category prizes are \$300, \$200, and \$100 in the open division and \$275, \$150, and \$75 in the high school division. Entry fee is \$15 per work. For complete guidelines, visit our page on the BAC website.

Sponsored by Roland and Joyce Jones, the Best of the West Award is given to the most original work in any category that pays tribute to the Spirit of the West, set in pioneer times or modern day farmers and ranchers. Our thanks to Steve and Leslie McConnico, who are again sponsoring the high school awards.

CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 8

We are excited to announce the return of Nancy Robinson Masters as one of our speakers for the literary conference on Saturday, November 8. Nancy lit a fire with her workshop sessions in 2022 and we are thrilled to have her back to impart more writing wisdom and life inspiration.

A writer, pilot, and motivational speaker, Masters has authored over 50 books and 3,000 feature articles that have appeared in a variety of publications.

Tickets for the Books on the Bosque conference are \$30. A continental breakfast will be provided during registration, and lunch will be available by donation. Registration begins at 9, with morning and afternoon workshop sessions. The day concludes with book signings and the awards ceremony for the writing contest at 3 p.m.~DE

SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

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PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

We have taken our summer break (July and August) and are eager to get back together on Tuesday, September 16th at 4pm for our regularly scheduled meeting.

Hope that everyone has prepared some new photos for exhibition when we remove the current display (theme "Pathways") and hang our new display, themed "What the.....?"

This calls for a new look at something familiar and a challenge to figure out what the subject matter is. We also still have our "Transportation" display in the hallways at the Goodall-Witcher clinic. So, dust off your favorite camera, and invite someone you know that also loves photography and we'll see you at the September meeting.~RH



DRAWING WORKSHOP

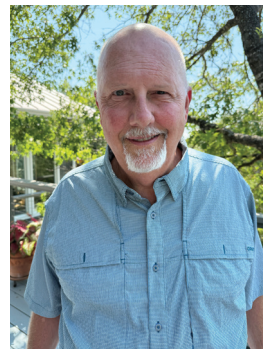
Time to draw! Shannon Birchum returns to lead an adult drawing workshop Thursdays in September, 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Speiler art room. Birchum led a basic drawing workshop in 2024 and she returns this year to move participants to the next step. The fee for all four days is \$75 per person and includes, pencil, paper, erasers and tortions. You must be 16 years or older to attend. Call 254-675-3724 or go online at bosqueartscenter.org to reserve your spot.~DP

MIXOLOGY

Taste a new twist on an old cocktail during the Mixology event, Saturday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. Chef Oz returns again to mixology duties for this event along with Chef Ruark, Chef David Dunham and Matt Menefee assisting with the preparation and presentation of several cocktails and accompanying appetizers. This event, a perennial favorite featured in the Big Event sign up parties, features culinary delights for both cocktails and matching appetizers. Pricing is \$100 per person, reservations are required, seating is limited. Call 254 -675-3724 to reserve your spot!!~DP

ATRIUM GALLERY

Known to BAC members more for his culinary skills, we present Michael Osborne (Chef Oz), artist, as our September Atrium Gallery exhibit. More than 50 years ago Osborne started creating works on paper in a style all his own. In the 1990s he began exploring the use of acrylic paint on old, discarded furniture. "Expanding from two dimensional work into three is always a challenge," Osborne states, "but the whimsical result is functional art that is intended to be used." Whenever he begins a new piece, he indicates its an act of redemption, taking forgotten furniture and giving it new life. Geometric designs along with the surreal and Osbourn's abiding sense of humor make this exhibit one you won't want to miss. Open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday's during special events, come see this one of a kind Atrium Gallery exhibit.~DP



CULINARY CLUB

The Culinary Club will meet Thursday, September 18 at 5:30 pm and John Linn will revisit his cooking class at Petac Hacienda at Merida, Yucatán for us. Mucho chido in the BAC kitchen.~VR



TAEKWONDO

Master Catherine Wilkinson, the Taekwondo instructor at the BAC, has officially earned her title as a GTMA Taekwondo Master. The Master's Ceremony took place on July 23, 2025, at the iconic H.U. Lee International Garden in Little Rock, AR.

Master Wilkinson was inducted as a member of the GTMA's 2025 Bonghwang Master Class. Each newly inducted GTMA Master is honored with a specially commissioned sword – the “Muduck Sunbee Sword.” This sword is crafted in An Dong, Korea by Grand Master GK Lee's personal Swordsmith, Master Swordsmith Eham. Each sword takes 4 months from start to finish. It is a symbol of mastery and an esteemed part of the GTMA Mastership tradition.

Taekwondo classes are underway on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at the BAC, taught by Master Catherine Wilkinson. There are several different classes offered: by age, by level of experience and a family class. She has trained in Taekwondo since the year 2000. She is a 6th degree black belt, Master, and qualified instructor with Global Traditional Martial Arts (GTMA). She has been teaching Taekwondo at the BAC since 2023.

Call the BAC for contact information for Master Wilkinson's class enrollment.~DP



TIN BUILDING THEATER

The laughter is already roaring as rehearsals are underway for our upcoming comedy, *Four Old Broads on the High Seas* by Leslie Kimball. This hilarious sequel finds our favorite feisty seniors boarding a cruise ship for what promises to be anything but a relaxing vacation. Between missing passengers, mysterious happenings, and plenty of sassy banter, the cast is diving headfirst into the script's outrageous twists. Director Don Boysen (pic) reports that the chemistry among the actors is “pure gold,” with rehearsals full of quick wit, playful antics, and just enough chaos to keep things lively. Backstage crews are busy bringing the cruise ship setting to life, complete with colorful costumes and clever staging. The cast includes JoAnne Grelle, Connie Terry, Belinda Prince, Lorana Rush (pic), Bill Sibley, Adam Barner, Michael Richardson, Roman Ybarra, Charles Mclean, Don Boysen and Linda Lowrance. The show is set to open on October 4th with additional performances October 5th, 10th and 11th. Tickets will go on sale in September. Rated PG13~LR



STAINED GLASS CLASS

Have you always marveled at the beauty of stained glass? Want to create your own piece? The beginner class is for you! All tools and materials will be provided, and this four-week course will focus on learning the necessary skills to create a soldered 10-15 piece sun catcher of your own. We will meet Wednesday evenings in September from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Please call 254-675-3724, or email office@bosqueartscenter.org, to get your name on the communication list for more details. ~DY



TEXAS TROUBADOUR SONGWRITER CLASSIC

We are excited to announce that Lee Roy Parnell will serve as judge and headliner for the 2025 Texas Troubadour Songwriter Classic on October 25. Born in Abilene, TX, the singer, songwriter, and guitarist extraordinaire grew up in Stephenville then made his way to Austin to play with Kinky Friedman. Within a few years of moving to Nashville, Parnell signed with Arista Records and hit the charts. His breakthrough album came in 1992, with top-10 hits: "What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am," "Love Without Mercy," and "Tender Moment." Deadline for entering the 12th Annual Texas Troubadour will be Wednesday, September 3, 2025. The Sponsor Pre-Sale for the Songwriter Classic will run September 15-19, with the BAC Member Pre-Sale the following week – September 22-26. Online ticket sales open September 29. Tickets are \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$125 (sponsor).~DE



BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club September selection is "Glory Over Everything", a New York Times bestseller by Kathleen Grissom. This story, set in 1830, is about the Underground Railroad and a man's journey to save from slavery the boy he swore to protect. One review says this epic novel is "...filled with romance, villains, violence, courage, compassion and suspense". Please join us for our Book Club meeting at 10:00 am on September 24, 2025!~JB



BEST IN 2H0W QUILT 2025

BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

A busy summer for BCMA is leading to an even busier fall season. The annual four-day summer Music Camp was held July 21 to 24th and for students from first through sixth grade and was successfully led by Vickie Ketchum and volunteers. The BCMA is proud to announce that instructor Brandi Blair will be leading classroom group piano labs for students beginning Monday, September 8th. Classes will be offered in three one-hour slots at 4, 5, and 6 p.m. Each class can accommodate up to four students and requires a minimum six-week commitment. Lessons are \$20 per hour. Classes will cover young beginners, older beginners, and intermediate through advanced students. Finally, the Bosque Chorale will begin rehearsals in early September for the Christmas concert. The Chorale is seeking more singers, specifically tenors. If you know someone who would like to be a part of this program, please reach out to a BCMA member or contact the Bosque Arts Center for details~BD



\$500 Jackpot Bingo in September is Tuesday, September 16. We welcome back Adam Willmann as our caller. Don't miss the fun and excitement with Adam, you just might be the lucky winner of \$500!!

DOORS OPEN 5:30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Two projects are coming up in October and then in November. The BAC would like to create and man a Haunted House, October 30 and 31. In order to get this done we will need volunteers to help design, build and setup plus be our spooky characters. We are hoping this will be a money-making project for the BAC, in addition to a lot of fun and laughter!!
- Second project is building a bona fide float for the Annual Christmas Parade in December. There will not be a reception Friday night of Arts of Christmas this year as we are putting all our effort into generating a fabulous float for the parade.
- The Christmas decorating committee can always use an extra pair of hands to assist with the set up and decorating of the BAC.
- We need volunteers for the design and build on all of these projects. Please help us by calling Deb Phinney, 254-675-3724, and pitching in. One or two people can not make this happen, so we're asking for help. Bring friends and help us make a statement for the Bosque Arts Center.~DP

2025
BOSQUE ARTS CENTER
QUILT SHOW WINNERS

*2025 Bosque Arts Center Quilt Show
Winners*

*BEST OF SHOW – Polly Clawson
\$500 Award – Donated by The Screen
Door Inn*

*BEST ORIGINAL DESIGN AWARD –
Judy Beskow*

*\$500 Award – Donated by Joyce and
Roland Jones*

SAR AWARD – Ruth Ellen Fise

*\$300 Award – Donated by Citizens
State Bank*

PEOPLE'S CHOICE – Judy Beskow

*\$300 Award – Donated by Moore +
Company, PLLC*

*NANCY PUGH MEMORIAL AWARD
– Shirley Garner*

*\$150 Award – Donated by the BAC
Quilt Guild*

*JUDGE'S CHOICE – Teresa Nickell
\$150 Award – Donated by Shoppes at
Whitehorse Station*

*BEST HAND WORK – Katherine
Dossman*

*\$100 Award – Donated by Carlisle
Real Estate*

*BEST HAND QUILTING – Diane
Hardy*

*\$100 Award – Donated by Stitchin'
Shack*

BEST DOMESTIC MACHINE

QUILTING – Debbie Elwell

*\$100 Award – Donated by Stitchin'
Shack*

BEST LONG ARM QUILTING HAND

GUIDED – Polly Clawson

*\$100 Award – Donated by Stitchin'
Shack*

BEST LONG ARM QUILTING COM-

PUTERIZED – Charlotte Massey

*\$100 Award – Donated by Stitchin'
Shack*

*NACQJ AWARD OF MERIT – Judy
Beskow*

*\$150 Award – Donated by Carlisle
Real Estate*

SEPTEMBER		
Sept. 1	Labor Day BAC Closed	--
Sept. 2	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 3	Stained Glass Wed. Workshop	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 3	Songwriter Classic Entry Deadline	11:59 p.m.
Sept. 4	Birchum Drawing Workshop Begins	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Stained Glass Mon. Workshop Begins	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Writers' Guild	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
Sept. 13	Bosque Art Classic Opening Ceremony	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Bosque Art Classic Opens to Public	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 15	Tx Troubadour Sponsor Pre-Sale	9 a.m.
Sept. 15	Art Classic Online Sale Opens	10 a.m.
Sept. 16	Photography Guild	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	BINGO	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Troubadour BAC Member Pre-Sale	9 a.m.
Sept. 22	BoB Writing Contest Entry Deadline	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Book Club	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 27	Mixology w/Chef Oz	6:00 p.m.
EARLY OCTOBER		
Oct. 4	TBT <i>Four Old Broads on the High Seas</i> Dinner Theatre	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	TBT Matinee Performance	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
Oct. 7	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 10	TBT Regular Performance	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
Oct. 11	TBT Closing Dinner Theatre	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Ladies Luncheon	11:30 p.m.
Oct. 18-19	Steve Atkinson Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 25	Texas Troubadour Songwriter Classic	6 p.m.

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